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1. FROM LONG BORET'S ACCOUNT (REFTEL A) AND OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, WE CAN SEE HOW GKR FEELS IT LET DOWN BY SAUDIS.

2. FOR THE RECORD, THE ARABIC PRESS OF AUG 30 DID CONTAIN THE STATEMENT BY LONG BORET DESCRIBED REFTEL A IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS AND KING HAD THOUGHT WELL OF THE PROPOSITION (HABBABHA AL IQTIRAH). THIS PORTION OF LONG BORET'S STATEMENT WAS NOT CARRIED, HOWEVER, IN THE WEEKLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE INFORMATION BULLETIN PUT OUT BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. THE BULLETIN, WHICH GAVE PRIORITY COVERAGE TO LONG BORET'S VISIT, OTHERWISE QUOTED HIM EXTENSIVELY (BULLETIN WAS DATED SEPT 3).

3. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO BUDGE THE SAUDIS ON THE RECOGNITION QUESTION, BUT THE AMBASSADOR INTENDS MENTION IT AGAIN TO PRINCE SULTAN WHEN HE SEES HIM ABOUT SEPT 21. AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO MENTION LONG BORET BELIEVES HE HAD A SAUDI PROMISE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WHEN HE LEFT THE KINGDOM AND WAS DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN SUBSEQUENTLY THAT THE SAG HAD SET CONDITIONS ON RECOGNITION. THE AMBASSADOR

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WILL ALSO ASK SULTAN TO USE HIS INFLUENCE IN THE PERSIAN

GULF STATES ON THE UN REPRESENTATION VIEW.

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